

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please DELETE the section headings at page 7, lines 17 and 18.

Please replace the section heading at page 8, line 13 with the following rewritten section heading:

-- ~~MEANS FOR SOLVING THE PROBLEMS~~SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Please DELETE the section heading at page 15, line 5.

Please replace the section heading at page 16, line 1 with the following rewritten section heading:

-- ~~PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS~~DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 63, line 15 that continues onto page 64 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Of the phosphonium borate compounds (I), preferred are:

- (1) di-tert-butylmethylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (2) di-tert-butylmethylphosphonium tetra-para-tolylborate,
- (3) tri-tert-butylphosphonium tetra-para-tolylborate,
- (4) di-tert-butylethylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (5) n-butyl-di-tert-butylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (6) sec-butyl-di-tert-butylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (7) cyclohexyl-di-tert-butylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (8) di-tert-butyl-n-octylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (9) di-tert-butylphenylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (10) ~~2-biphenyl-di-tert-butylphosphine tetraphenylborate,~~
- (10) 2-biphenyl-di-tert-butylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (11) di-tert-butyl-1-naphthylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (12) benzyl-di-tert-butylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (13) di-tert-butyl(4-ethenylbenzyl)phosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (14) di-tert-butylvinylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (15) allyl-di-tert-butylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,

- (16) tricyclohexylphosphonium tetra-para-tolylborate,
- (17) triisopropylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (18) tricyclopentylphosphonium tetraphenylborate and
- (19) n-butyldicyclohexylphosphonium tetraphenylborate. --